

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 045441

21

ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY EA/ROC:BLEVIN:BDS

APPROVED BY EA:WHGLESTEEN,JR.

S/S - MR. ORTIZ

PM - MR. STERN

T - MR. MAW (INFO)

----- 009893

R 252109Z FEB 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

INFO CINCPAC

S E C R E T STATE 045441

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: TW, CH, PFOR, MASS

SUBJECT: ROC REQUEST FOR GREATER FMS CREDITS

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. ROC AMBASSADOR JAMES SHEN CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY MAW FEBRUARY 21 TO APPEAL FOR GREATER FMS CREDITS FOR ROC. SHEN NOTED THAT THROUGH GRAPEVINE ROC HAD HEARD THAT IT WOULD FACE DRASTIC CUT IN FMS CREDITS FOR FY 1977. IF THIS WERE TRUE, IT WOULD CREATE ECONOMIC HARD-SHIP FOR ROC WHICH FACED HEAVY DEFENSE EXPENDITURES FOR -5E CO-PRODUCTION, IMPROVED HAWK BATTALION, AND SEMI-AUTOMATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. EVERY BIT ADDITIONAL CON-CESSIONAL LOANS AND SALES WOULD HELP EASE THIS BURDEN. SHEN ALSO STRESSED THAT GIVEN THE CONTINUING US FORCE WITHDRAWALS FROM TAIWAN, A DRASTIC CUT IN FMS CREDITS AT THIS TIME WOULD HAVE A PARTICULARLY UNFAVORABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON THE ROC.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 045441

2. MAW RECOUNTED THE PROBLEMS WE WERE HAVING WITH CONGRESS WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE. AS A RESULT MANY NATIONS WOULD BE CONFRONTED WITH CUTS IN OUR ASSISTANCE. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE ROC WAS ONE OF THESE. THE FY 1977 PRESENTATION HAD ALREADY GONE UP TO THE

CONGRESS AND CALLED FOR 35 MILLION IN FMS CREDITS FOR THE ROC. IN RESPONSE TO SHEN'S PROTESTATIONS ABOUT THE DRASTIC NATURE OF THIS CUT FROM A FY 76 FIGURE OF 80 MILLION, MAW NOTED THAT FMS CREDIT LEVELS TO THE ROC FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS WERE UNUSUALLY HIGH BECAUSE OF THE LARGE COSTS OF THE F-5E CO-PRODUCTION PROGRAM. A MAJOR PORTION OF THESE COSTS HAD BEEN ALREADY COVERED. WHEN VIEWED AGAINST PRE-F-5E LEVELS, THE PROPOSED 35 MILLION DID NOT REPRESENT A DRASTIC CUT.

3. WHILE MAW PROMISED TO BRING SHEN'S REQUEST TO THE ATTENTION OF THOSE WORKING ON THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, HE NOTED THAT WITH SUBMISSION ALREADY MADE TO THE CONGRESS, THE FY 1977 FIGURES WERE VIRTUALLY FINAL. HE HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE FOR REVISION FAVORABLE TO THE ROC.

4. ENROUTE TO DEPARTURE, SHEN COMPLAINED BITTERLY TO EA/ROC COUNTRY DIRECTOR LEVIN THAT CUT IN FMS ALONG WITH US FORCE WITHDRAWALS MADE IT CLEAR THAT US WAS PROGRESSIVELY ABANDONING TAIWAN AND PAVING THE WAY FOR THE FINAL FAREWELL. LEVIN COUNTERED THAT OUR RECENT APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL 20 F-5E'S, IMPROVED HAWK BAT-TALION AND SEMI-AUTOMATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM HARDLY CONSTITUTED EVIDENCE OF US "ABANDONMENT" OF TAIWAN. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY ASSISTANCE, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, MILITARY CREDIT, MILITARY SALES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE045441
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: BLEVIN:BDS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X3
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760071-0899
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760213/aaaaakwn.tel
Line Count: 92
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 MAY 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <22 SEP 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ROC REQUEST FOR GREATER FMS CREDITS CINCPAC FOR POLAD
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, TW, CH, US, (SHEN, JAMES), (MAW, CARLYLE E)
To: TAIPEI
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006